

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-15 are all the claims pending in the present application, claims 2 and 3 having been canceled as indicated herein. Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the previous specification objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The Examiner maintains the same prior art rejections. Specifically, claims 1-5 and 7-14 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Greer et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,993,722). Claims 6 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Greer and Lambrecht et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,754,801).

§102(e) Rejections (Greer) - Claims 1-5 and 7-14

The Examiner rejects claims 1-5 and 7-14 substantially based on the same reasons set forth in the previous Office Action. The Examiner adds a few new arguments in the *Response to Arguments* section of the Office Action.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant previously argued that Greer does not disclose or suggest at least, “wherein, at the host device, the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device,” as recited in claim 1. *See arguments on pages 7-8 of the Amendment dated January 15, 2008.*

Further, with respect to claim 1, in rebuttal to the Examiner’s arguments, Applicant previously argued that a feature of claim 1 recites, in part, that the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device. The output mode of the display device is determined in operation “b” of claim 1 by communicating with the display device. There is no teaching or suggestion in Greer of said output mode being determined by communicating with a display device. The only determination made in Greer is a determination of a resource conflict between different applications. *See page 8 of the January 15 Amendment.*

In response to the arguments above, the Examiner alleges (in the present Office Action):

Applicant argues that Greer does not disclose the output mode is determined by communicating with a display device.

In response to Applicant's argument, Greer discloses that each application has their respective or preferred output mode(s), the host device communicates with the display device to determine the preferred output mode based on the type of the display device (col. 3, lines 50-57).

Applicant argues that Greer does not disclose that at the host device, the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device.

In response to Applicant's argument, Greer discloses output modes are associated with their corresponding application devices (col. 2, lines 59-63; application devices such as a DVD player or a game device are described) wherein, the host device (Fig. 2A; set top box) determines the currently displayed output mode with associated application device of the display device and halting operations that are not currently displayed (col., 7, lines 30-34).

In response, first, Applicant acknowledges that col. 3, lines 50-57 of Greer does indicate that the quality of output from a DVD, for example, can be determined by the type of display device. However, Applicant maintains that Greer does not disclose that the output mode is determined by communicating with display device, since the output mode, as described in claim 1, is not related to the type of device, but is selected by a user. That is, claim 1 describes that an output mode is selected by a user for displaying one of an outside signal among a plurality of outside signals received by the display device. The Examiner appears to correlate the display device, or TV, in Greer with the output mode recited in claim 1. However, the output mode as recited in claim 1 is selectable and, clearly, an exemplary result of claim 1 is that there can be various selectable output modes of a particular display device. On the other hand, based on the argument of the Examiner, there could only be one output mode in Greer, which would be based on the type of display, and said output mode would not be selectable as the display device itself in Greer determines the output mode.

Further, Applicant submits that the Examiner never addresses the particular argument that at the host device, the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device. The Examiner only discusses the output mode of a display device in his argument, however the specific features of claim 1 described above are nowhere addressed by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully maintains that Greer does not anticipate independent claim 1.

Yet even further, Applicant submits that Greer does not disclose or suggest at least, “determining output mode of the display device by communicating with the display device,” and “wherein, at the host device, the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device,” as recited in claim 1.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 4, 5, 7, and 8 are patentable at least by virtue of their indirect or direct dependencies from independent claim 1.

Applicant maintains that independent claims 9 and 12 are patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 10, 11, 13, and 14 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 9 and 12.

§103(a) Rejections (Greer/Lambrecht) - Claims 6 and 15

Applicant submits that claims 6 and 15 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 12. Lambrecht does not make up for the deficiencies of Greer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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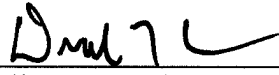
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